

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 9, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: SB 349, SB 319, HB 465

Executive Action: HB 465, HB 442, SB 21, SB 73
SB 319

00:00:00 Call to order

HEARING ON HB 465

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:48 Rep. Paul Beck (D), HD 59, opened the hearing on
HB 465, Allow Mammoth residents to use Montana license
plates.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:01:36 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Treasurer's Association

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:01:53 Rep. Beck

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 465

00:02:02 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 465 DO PASS.**

00:02:08 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance made a substitute
motion that **HB 465 BE TABLED.** Substitute motion carried
unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Wilson voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 319

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:48 Sen. Jim Keane (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on
SB 319, Revise transportation law.

(Rep. Wilson arrived.)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:23 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

00:05:28 Barry "Spook" Stang, Montana Motor Carriers Association

EXHIBIT(trh52a01)

00:07:40 Jessie Luther, Montana Contractors Association

00:08:00 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:37 Sen. Keane

HEARING ON SB 349

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:16 Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 349, Revise state bidding requirements to protect proprietary information.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:31 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh52a02\)](#)

00:16:39 Jason Jewett, Attorney, Montana Contractors Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:00 Anna Brodsky, Chief Legal Council, Office of the Governor

00:21:51 Sheryl Olson, Deputy Director, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT\(trh52a03\)](#)

00:24:15 Mike Meloy, Montana Newspaper Association

00:29:44 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association

[EXHIBIT\(trh52a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:30:21 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:08 Rep. Kottel

00:37:18 Ms. Brodsky

00:41:02 Rep. Kottel

00:41:27 Mr. Lynch

00:45:00 Rep. Arntzen
00:45:21 Mr. Lynch
00:47:42 Chairman Sonju
00:47:49 Mr. Lynch
00:48:13 Rep. Arntzen
00:48:18 Mr. Lynch
00:49:10 Rep. Arntzen
00:49:19 Mr. Lynch
00:49:35 Chairman Sonju
00:49:49 Mr. Lynch
00:51:28 Rep. Vance
00:51:49 Ms. Brodsky
00:52:36 Rep. Taylor
00:53:11 Mr. Lynch
00:54:36 Rep. Kottel
00:55:04 Mr. Hegreberg
00:55:45 Rep. Kottel
00:56:07 Mr. Meloy
00:57:21 Chairman Sonju
00:57:30 Ms. Brodsky
00:59:24 Chairman Sonju
01:00:03 Mr. Lynch
01:00:31 Rep. Arntzen
01:00:57 Mr. Lynch
01:02:23 Rep. Arntzen
01:02:34 Mr. Meloy

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:33 Sen. Tutvedt

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 442

01:06:16 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 442 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:06:35 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(trh52a05)

01:07:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 442 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:07:43 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 442 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:08:12 Rep. Kottel

01:09:08 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

01:09:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 442 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 21

01:10:07 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 21 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:10:20 Rep. Arntzen

01:10:36 Ms. Weiss

01:10:52 Rep. Taylor

01:11:00 Ms. Weiss

01:11:14 Rep. MacDonald

01:11:53 Rep. Barrett

01:12:32 Ms. Weiss

01:13:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Sonju will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 73

01:14:23 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:15:16 Rep. Arntzen

01:15:23 Ms. Weiss

01:16:27 Rep. Vance

01:16:47 Rep. Arntzen

01:16:58 Rep. Vance

01:18:06 Rep. Barrett

01:18:58 Rep. Berry

01:19:24 Rep. Arntzen

01:19:45 Rep. Ebinger

01:20:00 Chairman Sonju

01:20:21 Rep. Kottel

01:20:47 Chairman Sonju

01:20:58 Ms. Weiss

01:21:07 Rep. Randall

01:21:25 Rep. Vance

01:22:15 Chairman Sonju
01:24:04 Rep. Barrett
01:24:29 Chairman Sonju

01:24:41 **Motion:** Rep. Kottel moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:25:14 Ms. Weiss
01:25:44 Rep. Kottel
01:26:04 Rep. Arntzen
01:26:37 Rep. MacDonald
01:27:21 Rep. Barrett
01:27:40 Rep. Wilson

01:28:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting no.

01:28:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 73 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep. Berry voting no. Rep. Pomnichowski will carry the bill.

01:29:23 Rep. Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 319

01:29:42 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 319 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:29:51 Rep. Arntzen

01:32:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Hendrick will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

01:33:20 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh52aad.pdf](#))